

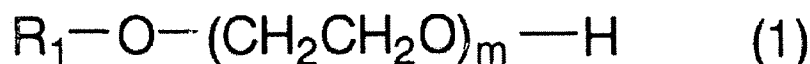
**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

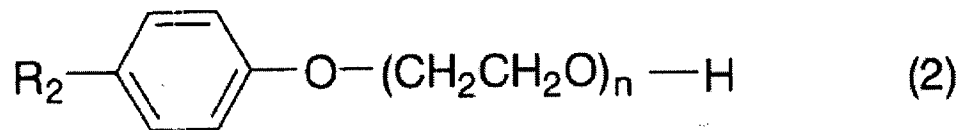
**1. (currently amended):** A disinfectant and/or bactericidal aqueous composition, containing an olanexidine acid addition salt, and at least one polyoxyethylene-based nonionic surfactant selected from the group consisting of polyoxyethylene higher alkyl ethers and polyoxyethylene alkylphenyl ethers,

the polyoxyethylene higher alkyl ether being a compound represented by formula (1):



wherein R<sub>1</sub> represents an alkyl group having 7 to 20 carbon atoms, and m represents an integer from 9 to 12,

the polyoxyethylene alkylphenyl ether being a compound represented by formula (2):



wherein R<sub>2</sub> represents an alkyl group having 7 to 20 carbon atoms, and n represents an integer from 9 to 12, and

the composition containing the olanexidine acid addition salt at a concentration of 0.05 to 0.5W/V%, and the polyoxyethylene-based nonionic surfactant at a concentration of 0.1 to 10 W/V%.

**2.-23. (canceled).**

**24. (currently amended):** A method of sterilizing or disinfecting an object, comprising contacting the object with an effective amount of the disinfectant and/or bactericidal aqueous composition according to claim 1, ~~2, 4, 24, 26 and 27.~~

**25. (canceled).**

**26. (currently amended):** The disinfectant and/or bactericidal aqueous composition according to claim ~~2~~1, wherein R<sub>1</sub> is selected from the group consisting of nonyl, decyl, undecyl, dodecyl, tridecyl and tetradecyl group.

**27. (new):** The disinfectant and/or bactericidal aqueous composition according to claim 1, wherein said polyoxyethylene higher alkyl ether is at least one member selected from the group consisting of POE (91) lauryl ether, POE (10) lauryl ether and POE (12) alkyl ether.